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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/312,073	Applicant(s) USUI ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Michael P. Nghiem. (3) _____.

(2) David Schaeffer. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 17 August 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 15,58 and 97.

Identification of prior art discussed: Shinada et al. (US 5,790,158).

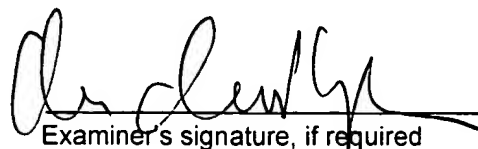
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant argues that Shinada does not teach "said recess is partially covered by said seal member adhered to the outer surface of said lid". Fig. 18(b) shows the seals (545, 543, 544) covering all portions of the recess (541, 541', 541'') (also see column 15, lines 49-51). Examiner will reconsider Applicant's arguments regarding claims 15 and 58. However, Examiner maintains his position regarding claim 97. Shinada teaches a recess (segments of 541, 541', 541'') formed on the portion of the outer surface of the lid where the narrow groove is not formed (541 is formed where 540 is not formed, Figs. 18a, 18b).